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Market Square Quilters

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Next Meeting— 27th June

St Francis de Sales at 7.15pm

There are no demonstrations this month so please bring some form of hand work to do. If there is anything that you would like help or guidance with then this would be a good opportunity to see if anybody can advise you.

The Show and Tell inspiration will be '**weddings and celebrations**' but please bring any work that you would like to show.

A challenge has been set for the **August Pudding Party** to bring or make something on the theme of **Garden Parties**—tea cosy, place mat, tablecloth, bunting ,hat, fabric food etc.

Stitch and Chat—Wednesday 6th June

The Castle School 7pm—10pm

New members may not be aware that we have an extensive library of books, magazines and DVD's which are stored at The Castle School Community Room, Love Lane, Donnington.

Members usually bring some hand stitching but there is plenty of room to spread work out for basting or deciding upon lay-outs etc.

At present it is a very small group but it would be lovely to have a few more members attending regularly.

SOS Saturday 30th June

Either bring your own sewing to St. George's Hall or join in with the bag making workshop. There will be two different designs to choose from which will involve a variety of skills such as putting in a zip, inserting a pocket, reinforcing the base etc.

Geraldine showed us one of the designs which will require a metre for the outer and a metre for the lining. I will send out further details and requirements asap.

We have the hall from 10 till 4 so bring some lunch with you.

Drinks and biscuits provided.

May Meeting

Sandra welcomed everybody to the meeting including a visitor, Lesley who has joined our group.

Members seemed to have enjoyed their trip to Malvern Quilt Show. The weather was beautiful so we were able to escape the heat of the buildings and eat our lunch in the sunshine with a glorious view of the Malvern Hills.

There was a feeling that there had been less quilts on show and that some of them were rather simple. However there were still many stunning examples to inspire us and as Sandra K pointed out, having quilts from all abilities on show made it less daunting for those who are new to the craft.

I bought another bolt of the polyester wadding (it was nearly bigger than me!) with funds from the club. I will cut this into pieces for the premmie quilts for anybody who would like it but remember that if you were making a larger quilt for Linus then you can ask me for a different size.

Bag Handle Demonstration

The demonstration this month was on metal handles.



One type on show could be glued and clamped into place but the main type easily available are stitched. As Gail had some of these already she had a go at making one up so that she could then advise the group—she found that it was much more tricky than she had imagined!

She began by cutting a step in the fabric where it went around the hinge but found that it would not sit neatly. By experimentation she discovered that the top curve of the bag should be continued to meet the side seams.

However, she did admit that if she had read the instructions first she would not have got in to a pickle in the first place. Also there is a video on YouTube which shows you how to do it....



There were some more premmie quilts donated and it is pleasing to see people using them to try out techniques such as the miniature strippy by Pat Bu, the bargello design by Jean...



Show and Tell



Barbara brought in her completed Winter Houses quilt which she had begun at a workshop led by Gail and Rita. She has created a complimentary border with the fabrics left from the houses and she has practiced her free motion skills by using machine applique to stitch the trees and windows in place. A lovely job!

Sonia showed us an experimental bowl she had created by stitching into a water soluble fabric and then wetting it to create spaces but leaving enough of the base fabric so that it could be formed into a bowl shape as it dried. With the addition of some lights it was very effective.

and the postage stamp quilt by Bev.



There were also designs from Pam, Sue and from two of our new members, Daisy and Jan. Many thanks.

Malvern Quilt Show

There were many fabulous quilts to see and I am sure that everybody had their different favourites.

These are just a few which caught my eye :-



What to do with Granny's old cut-work tablecloth.



A jolly elephant medallion quilt



and another which showed very good use of fussy cut fabric.



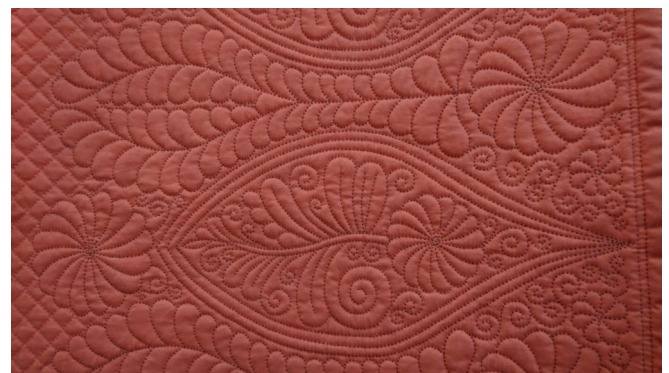
Effective use of different embroidery stitches for the quilting.



This one is on woollen fabric...



and this one is stitched on leather!!



and this one just had the most perfect hand stitching.

I should really have bought the catalogue so that I could have told you who they were all by so I do hope the makers do not mind me showing off their work.

I was also pleased to see a display of the work of Gillian Travis. She uses repeated designs of Interchange Applique to make interesting contemporary wallhangings and quilts.



A holiday report from Linda

On a recent visit to Holland I came upon a textile exhibition in the Old Church in Delft by a Dutch textile artist called Jackie Howard. Her work often has a religious theme and is inspired by Jewish culture and religion. It consists of embroidered layers, usually transparent with mixed media such as acrylic paint and paper. Some of the exhibits are shown below:



More of her work can be seen on Pinterest. She has a studio in Putten, The Netherlands.



While in Amsterdam I also saw a most unusual sight – TWO quilt shops next door to each other. One is called Den Haan and Wagenmakers and specialises in traditional Dutch fabrics with some lovely quilts on display, while next to it is one called Birdblocks with more modern fabrics. However at €5 a fat quarter in both shops I left them where they were.

Welsh Quilt Centre

I have also just returned from a holiday in Wales and I made a detour via Lampeter to go to the Welsh Quilt Centre. The exhibition is a re-cap of the last ten years of exhibitions so there is a good variety of hand stitched Welsh quilts from the collection of Jen Jones. The centre is closing in November so this is the last chance to see them. It takes about 3 hours to get there so it is probably best to make a weekend of it - The Welsh Wool Museum is also nearby.



www.welshquilts.com

There is also an amazing shop next door which has more quilt fabric than I think I have ever seen in one place except at a show. It is called Calico Kate.

Forthcoming MSQ Events

Greenham Sewing Sisters –

We meet on the second Thursday of every month in the Paddock Room at St Marys Church Hall, Greenham 10.00am – 3.00pm. Fee is £3 and that goes towards tea, coffee, biscuits and hall hire. We hope that more of you will come along and join us in future and enjoy the company of fellow quilters and have a sew and natter.

Other meetings are:

1st Wednesday of month at The Castle School 7 – 10pm.

The Club library is held here so if you want to borrow any books or DVD's etc. come along to look.

4th Wednesday at St Francis de Sales Hall 7.15—10pm

Embroiderers Guild

www.newbury-embroiderers.co.uk for more details of their events this year.

Buttercross Quilters

Buttercross have hired our quilt stands for their exhibition on 22/23rd June.

It is at The Methodist church, High Street, Witney and entrance is free.

Friday 10—5 Saturday 10—4

Forthcoming Events

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There are various workshops at our more local quilt shops

www.juberry.co.uk

www.quiltersdream.co.uk

www.villagefabrics.co.uk

www.newthreads.com

www.purple-stitches.com

www.ladysewandsew.com

lornehillquilts@yahoo.co.uk

nationalneedleworkarchive.org.uk

1st May—2nd June

Pax, War and Famine—sculptural weaving and embroidery by Isobel Hall

Open Studios—mixed media wildlife studies by local artist Christine Pettet

Lady Sew and Sew

June 28th—Dresden Plate workshop

Aug 17th—Anna Maria Horner from USA Quilts in Bloom workshop

Village Fabrics

June 9th 7 10th—Beginners Weekend demos

June 23rd—Christmas Madness demos and mini workshops

Purple Stitches

June 27th—French Knickers!

June 20th—Get to Know Your Sewing Machine

Quilters Dream

July 7th—Advent Calendar Saturday!

Juberry

June 29/30—Gail Lawther Workshops

Aug 13th—NEC Festival of Quilts coach £35

New Threads

July 26th—Perfect Quilt Bindings

Our own Joanne and Sandra have now published a list of their summer workshops—have a look ...

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Open Studios

This finishes on Sunday and there are many exhibitions as well as opportunities to visit an artists studio.

www.openstudios.org.uk

Linda is holding coffee mornings on 1/2/3rd June at her house to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care. You should have received a separate email about this but you will find her telephone number on your diary card if you want to know more.

Her husband is a potter so you can also go and visit his studio in the garden.

Quilt Show dates for 2018

I had not realised that there were so many until I saw this leaflet! www.grosvenorshows.co.uk

June	1st-2nd	Spalding
June	22nd-24th	Esher
Aug	31st-2nd	Harrogate
Oct	19th-21st	Malvern
Oct	26th-28th	Duxford
Nov	9th-10th	Maidstone
Dec	7th-8th	Spalding

Quilt stands

Please bear in mind that we could do with a new storage space for our quilt stands at some point so let us know if you hear of anywhere.

FACEBOOK PAGE

I know that many of you have visited the page and hope you find it useful. Please spread the word with your quilting and sewing friends and ask them to like our page – the more members we have the more we can get our message around.

WEB PAGE www.marketsquarequilters.co.uk

LIBRARY – If you are not able to make it to The Castle School on the first Wednesday of each month 7 -10pm to borrow books you could email me with any requests and I could bring them to the monthly meeting. I will bring a selection of books to each monthly meeting. A list was attached to the November newsletter.

FOR SALE/WANTED/FREecycle/HELP! If you have any items to pass on or are having problems with a technique or need help to get started on a project, please email me the details and I will notify members in the newsletter.

Copy

I will be happy to include in the newsletter any reports of exhibitions, workshops, shops etc. which members have found interesting. Please send them to me at caroline2226@gmail.com

Quilters Guild

MSQ is a member of The Quilters Guild which has no specific benefit to members apart from the insurance cover. We do receive a quarterly magazine which is full of interesting articles and also a regional newsletter (we are region 6) so if you would like to see these please ask at a meeting. Back copies are kept in the library.